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FOR DXers, A HEAVENLY SMILE



FROM THE PREZ

December!!! My year as your President is drawing to a close. For me, the year has simply whizzed past. Being your President has been a terrific honor and not without a few challenges, but I have thoroughly enjoyed myself throughout the year and hope that you all feel the Club remains on the sound footing on which I found it last January.



No President of the SCDXC can alone make the Club function as well as it does. I owe any success this year to my superb Board, and I am grateful to each and every member. First and foremost, I am grateful to Sharon for being the best VP a President could ever desire. Sharon has worked tirelessly this year to make our events and monthly meetings the great successes that they have been. She has earned my undying appreciation and I KNOW beyond any shadow of a doubt that she will be a great President next year. She's also a lot better looking than I am.

Doc, our Treasurer in Perpetuity, is a rock: always there with the finances in great order and an absolute pleasure to work with. The Club is fortunate, indeed, to have him watching the Club's gold.

Steve, our Secretary and Newsletter Editor, has worked as hard as anyone I know to make our newsletter the outstanding monthly publication it is. What most of you don't know is what he does as Secretary, handling correspondence and keeping the rest of us honest. He's done, and continues to do, a great job on behalf of all of us.

Howard picked up the reins of Membership this year and has done an amazing job of organizing and keeping track of our roster. Given how much he's on the road, it is all the more impressive that he has kept our database as well as he has, and he has earned the respect of all of us for taking on and doing such a great job when his time was so limited.

Mel, one of our two Board Members at Large, have also contributed mightily to the Club's success this year. Mel, of course, has crossed lines and taken a major role in the leadership for next year's IDXC. He always the first to volunteer for just about everything, and his global competence and "can-do" attitude have been critical to the Club's success not just this year, but in years past, as well.

And then there's Dave, our other Board Member at Large. Honestly, I didn't know Dave very well until this year, but I sure do understand now why he's held in such great esteem by everyone in the Club. Dave's judgment, constructive input, and connections in the hobby have proved invaluable to me over the past year. Dave has been instrumental in getting us the IC-7000s we've given away over the past two years, and I know how much the Club has appreciated THAT! On a personal note, I want to thank Dave publicly for helping me, indirectly, with a project I undertook this past year. Because Dave introduced me to a contact at ICOM in 2006, I was able to work with ICOM to obtain a discounted IC-718 for a ham in Sri Lanka who would never have been able to afford a new radio, even an entry level IC-718. Incidentally, I learned a lot about how to get a radio into that country – not as simple as you might think.

I also want to thank Bob (Bubba), our past President, for his wise counsel and friendship this year. He was a great President for me to work with in 2006, and his support for me this year has meant a lot. And hey, Bubba, you did a stellar job on the new T-shirts!

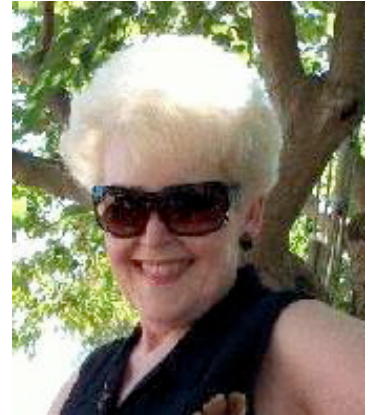
So many others in the Club gave me help, advice (sometimes solicited; sometimes not!), and I appreciated it all. So, thanks to EVERYONE for a great year. I will certainly wear the black badge with pride!

73, happy holidays, and happy new year, not to mention gud DX! -- JW, K6JW



AND FROM THE VEEP

It's hard to believe, but we are at another year end. I not only thank god each morning when I rise that I am alive for another day, I also feel blessed that I made it through another year. This is the time we take to personally reflect on the events of this past year.



This year was an exceptional year for me, full of wonderful events. I was voted in by my peers as Vice President of the Southern California DX Club; received my certificate for WAS; worked over 200 countries with 196 confirmed; passed the grueling exam to get my Extra Class license; and, Wayne and I got our picture on the front of Electric Radio magazine. From a ham radio perspective, that's a great year. I sincerely hope that yours was equally fulfilling.

At this time of reflection, I am recalling our programs for the year. Dxpediton presentations are always a highlight, and last March Bob Grimmick, N6OX, did a show and tell on his trip to Burkina Faso, XT2C. In November, he did the same on his Dxpedition to St. Brandon, 3B7C. Both he and Arnie Shatz, N6HC, were on that one. They also went on the one to Kuri Island, KH6C, in 2005. How many other DX clubs can brag that they have two Dxpedition members? None of us will forget the great presentations by Catherine Deaton from the FCC, and Dennis Kidder on EME. How are your microphone audio qualities now after hearing from Chip Margelli from Heil Sound? These programs alone are worth the cost of membership. But we all know there is much, much more.

Speaking of Dxpeditions, we have another to look forward to. Again, Bob and Arnie are going on the one to Clipperton in March 2008. We can all look forward to another competition pile-up. For me, it will be another new one.

At the time of writing this article, the year-end party at the Orange Hill Restaurant has not yet occurred. You will probably receive your newsletter after this event, so I will say that I really hope you had a wonderful time. We will know by January's newsletter who won the K3 Elecraft transceiver. Hope it was YOU! And, I hope the ladies enjoyed their gifts.

If you haven't yet submitted your nomination for Dxr of the Year, please get that in now. And, for you new members, submit your QSL's for this year. You may be the winner of our Clipperton Award. Both awards will be presented at next year's convention in Visalia.

Are you going to the convention? Have you sent in your money yet? Remember, this is our year to host this great convention. The convention committee has been meeting every month since September. It takes a lot of coordination and a lot of people to put on an event such as this. We have seasoned committee members working to make this convention as good, if not better, than the previous conventions we have hosted. We will know more about the presentations and other in future newsletters. But, you know it will be nothing less than great.

Let me take this opportunity in writing to wish everyone of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday season.
88's, Sharon Spring, K6IRD

MORE FROM THE EDITOR (another filler)

I have used pictures of Cats and Ginger, KG5TAU, from PVARC sent me pictures of her dogs. To that I have added an article about dogs.



Name withheld to protect the innocent

+The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

+There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

+Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

+I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

-Rita Rudner

+If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise

-Unknown

Thank you Ginger.

MORE FRIENDS

Bob, KØOK, and Dale, KB7UB, both members of the Southern California DX Club, will be QRV from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands, as VP5/KØOK and VP5/KB7UB from December 6 to 11, 2007. Look for activity on 6 through 160 meters on CW and SSB.

They will be operating in the ARRL 10 Meter contest as VP5E (KØOK) and VP5UB (KB7UB). Online logs are at <http://www.dxer.com/dxlogs/<mhtml:{C03901B4-4AA3-4FC2-BF39-7F25B1599838}mid://00000080/x-usc:http://www.dxer.com/dxlogs/>> . All QSOs will be uploaded to LOTW. QSL via their home calls.

Conversation: CQ WW Contest

Call: W6SR (Mother Lode DX Club)

Single-band 15M ,H/P, 9.5 hrs of operating

207 contacts

26Z

65 countries

50,778 pts

Club: MLDXCC

Conditions were so lousy that my dial finger is swollen from constant tuning. Also, 70% of the score was made in the first 3Hrs, I really should have quit then, HI HI

AND THE EDITOR JUST RAMBLES ON

Much to be proud of this year. Bad sun spots, yet surprisingly, a few rare countries. Soon it will be Christmas and new toys under the tree. I hope you get yours. Toys I mean.

For your information
other days of December

Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 24 On Christmas Eve, 1906, using his heterodyne principle, Reginald Fessenden transmitted the first radio audio broadcast in history from Brant Rock Station, Massachusetts. Ships at sea heard a broadcast that included Fessenden playing the song O Holy Night on the violin and reading a passage from the Bible."
Source: Wikipedia,



Dec. 31 New Year's Eve....one for the road and one for more **DX**

END OF THE STORY

Both ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, and Southwestern Division Director Richard "Dick" Norton, N6AA, ran unopposed and were declared the winner of the election by the League's Ethics and Elections Committee. Incumbent Andy Oppel, N6AJO, of Alameda, California received 1654 votes to defeat Rob Brownstein, K6RB, of Santa Cruz, California, who received 1180 votes for Vice Director in the Pacific Division.

The incumbent ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director, Edward J. "Ned" Stearns, AA7A, of Scottsdale, Arizona, did not seek re-election this term. Of the four candidates for this office, Marty Woll, N6VI, of Chatsworth, California, with 1191 votes, defeated Tom Fagan, WB7NXH, of Tucson, Arizona (1054 votes); Tuck Miller, NZ6T, of National City, California (710 votes), and Joseph Madas, AE6JM, of Banning, California (342 votes).

ARRL

MORE STUFF FROM THE EDITOR

So much this year. Several DXpeditions that brought some new entities out of a quiet sky. Propagation being what it was and still is, I think we did fairly well in the new country list. New equipment designed for us to drool over. Radio kits that don't need soldering and antennas that tune and adjust by a push button and don't forget the new transceivers that require a 10 % down payment and a 30 year loan.

Lets not forget the Holiday party where Dan, W7RF, took the prize and then left town or was it Vic, KI6VC, who did a dance to which the ancients have forgotten. A few antennas went up this year and Skip, KJ6Y, did a lot of travel to make some more friends.

I have to mention Jeff, K6JW and his on again off again antenna woes and power amp delays. Glad to know that perseverance really works as Jeff is up and running big time. A true DXer.

The DX community found out that the SCDXC was strong and alive in DX, going to places around the world. Charlie, W6KK to the islands, Arnie, N6HC making his mark and last but not least our very active guy, Bob, N6OX. These guys should be congratulated for there time, individual cost and joy that they have brought to the world of DX. **FINE JOB, ONE AND ALL.** I almost forgot, another Bob, K0OK and Dale, KB7UB going to KP5 land.

Well, so much for the small stuff. It is time once again to think of new officers as election time is coming in Jan. Your board will give you names and jobs which you can accept or change by election. Don't forget to re-up your membership, we need people to send the newsletter to.

Last but not least, as your newsletter editor and a club member, I commend and congratulate each and every member of the Board of Directors of the fine job they did this last year.

Steve, 73 W6NRQ

DECEMBER EVENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Christmas is an annual [holiday](#) that originates with [Christians](#) in feasts celebrating the the birth of [Jesus](#)



Hanukkah

Hanukkah is the annual Jewish festival celebrated on eight successive days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar, corresponding, approximately, to December in the Gregorian calendar. It is also known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, and Feast of the Maccabees, Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC after the Temple had been profaned by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine.

KWANZAA

December 26 -- January 1

NGUZO SABA:

The Principles and Practice of Bringing good to the World



AND FROM OTHER CLUBS

The Mother Lode DX Club

Northern Calif.

Conversation: Field Day Scores, We be #3 in the Class!! Not Bad.....

Call Score Category QSOs Power Mult GOTA Call Section Participants Club

1 W0ICT <http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/?con_id=133&call=W0ICT> 8,280 1A 2,225 2 KS 7
South Heartland Contest Society
2 W6PT 7,782 1A 1,970 2 SDG 17 San Diego DX / Pt Loma ARC
3 K6AO 6,698 1A 1,693 2 SV 7 Mother Lode DX & Contesting Club
4 N4OL 6,650 1A 1,380 2 NC 13 Central NC DX Chasers
5 W5DDL 6,398 1A 1,420 2 LA 39 Acadiana ARA
6 W1HR 6,096 1A 1,503 2 SFL 3 Ham Radio Brasspounders
7 K9YA 5,886 1A 1,234 2 IL 4 Robert F Heytow Memorial RC
8 W9HUZ 5,754 1A 1,152 2 IL 6 Sourn IL DX & Contest Club
9 W0FD 4,950 1A 1,753 2 CO 6 Pitkin ARC
10 K1LT 4,880 1A 1,156 2 OH 4 Friends of W8LT

Rick W6SR

FOR SALE

1) Cushcraft A3WS 3 element WARC antenna with 30M extension kit. Antenna in good/very good condition with various element sections easily separated for transport after 9 years of service. All trap covers taped before installation and in excellent condition. No cracked trap covers. Minor clean up required. \$200 with pickup only in Los Angeles area.

2) Hy-Gain BN-86 Balun in original packaging with all of the hardware. Pre MFJ vintage. \$40.

Contact: Elliott WA6TLA e-mail address at QRZ.COM

Elliott says, buy it now or I am going to put it away and you will have to wait till next spring.

FROM CQ MAGAZINE

This table lists all CQ-sponsored on-air competitions, including contest name, month in which it is held, weekend within that month, issue in which rules appear and issue in which results appear. In addition, all rules are posted on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, as are expanded results for the CQWW and CQ WPX contests and some previously published complete results. Some contest directors have their own web pages with additional information.

Contest	Month	Weekend	More info
CQ DX Marathon	Jan - Dec	Full Year	www.cq-amateur-radio.com
CQWW 160 Meter / CW	Jan	Last full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com
CQWW RTTY WPX	Feb	2nd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
QWW 160 Meter / SSB	Feb	Last full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW WPX / SSB	Mar	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQ National Foxhunting	May	2nd or 3rd full wknd	www.homingin.com >
CQWW WPX / CW	May	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQWW VHF	July	3rd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >

January 1 Straight Key Night.....no cheating.

Maybe you can help

◆ **HELP:** Lenny, K5OVC is looking for a current email address for **OM2SA**, QSL Manager for Mike/Jan, KM9D/KF4TUG. The one listed on QRZ.com is not valid. Contact Lenny at <K5OVC@arrl.net>.

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A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.



- ◆ **AS-012 - MUKU ISL (JA6):** JA6RGJ/6, JK6IIS/6 and JO6RGZ/6 will be active on the HF bands, SSB/CW November 17-18. QSL to respective home call.
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- ◆ **NA-029 - PRINCE EDWARD ISL (VY2):** Art, N3DXX will be on PEI for the CQ 160 contest January 26-27. Look for him as VY2/ N3DXX. QSL to home call.
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- ◆ **3B8/OH2YY - MAURITIUS:** Pekka will be active on 40-10 Nov 16-22. QSL to home call.
- ◆ **9G5XA - GHANA:** Alan, G3X AQ will be active Nov 12-26 CW only. He will be on for the CQWW CW contest SOSB probably on 15. Outside the contest he plans to be on 30 & 17. QSL via G3SWH.
- ◆ **9M2/PG5M/6 - EAST MALAYSIA:** Gerben will be active from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Nov 15-18. He will work CW only on 40-10 with a beam for 40, 20, 15, 10 and G5RV for the other bands. QSL via PG5M.
- ◆ **E5 - SOUTH COOK:** George, K5KG/E51MMM and Ron, KK9K/E51NNN will be active Nov 12 to Dec 1, especially on 80 & 160. They also plan to be in the CQWW CW contest. QSL both calls via K5KG.
- ◆ **JD1/O: OGASAWARA:** Harry, JG7PSJ will be active from Chichijima Island December 29 to January 4 signing JD1BMH. He plans to be on 160-10, CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL to home call.
- ◆ **T88SE - PALAU:** JR8VSE will be active from Palau November 18-21 on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK/SSTV. QSL to home call.
- ◆ **VP2E - ANGUILLA: VP2EWR2DX:** Mike, KC2Q; Mel (Carmela) N2MEL; Frank, W2XYZ; Joe, W2KQ and others will be operating from Anguilla Feb 11-19, 2008. Most of them are members of the North America DX Assoc. who is sponsoring the trip. DL5CW/VP2EDL, Andy and Marina, DM5YL/VP3EDM will be active November 8-26. Andy likes CW and Marina RTTY/PSK31. QSL to respective home call.

Courtesy QRZ, DX Pub.

Repeated for NO particular reason.

INTERESTING AND NEW FOR SCDXC

I received a note from Tuck, NZ6T informing me that an internet reflector has been set up for the SCDXC. This site can be used for many things. I am not knowledgeable in such things so I will stand by and watch and learn as other folks who are more familiar with this kind of activity use it.

Hi folks.

Just a quick note to advise each of you that I have created an e-mail reflector for the use of the Southern California DX Club.

This reflector can be used for many things. Among them being the announcement of club meetings, which will be sent out automatically each month. Steve can send out announcements when the latest edition of the newsletter is ready for viewing. DX spots can be announced. Discussions on DX or Contesting topics can be posted. We can post polls, and even post pictures.

For efficiency sake, I do own the reflector, but I have created this for the use of the SCDXC group. You do not have to be a member to participate, only an interest in DX or contesting is required.

You may have a couple of questions.

1. How do I join this group?

Send an e-mail to: scdxc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Home page for the reflector is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scdxc/>

2. What e-mail address do I use?

If you do not know for sure, send yourself an e-mail. When you receive that e-mail, look for the from address that it was sent from and use it. It's that easy.

If you need any help, just let me know, drop me an e-mail.
Thanks, 73, Tuck NZ6T



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